

the necessary resources needed to wage this war and protect our nation and our world from terrorism.

Despite my support for this bill, I have strong reservations about the way this bill has placed an added emphasis on programs and provisions that do not address the most pressing needs of our nation.

For example, this measure provides \$7.9 billion for an untested and unproven missile defense program, while providing only \$613 million to improve federal, state, and local bioterrorism preparedness. By moving forward with a costly national missile defense system, we are investing billions of scarce federal dollars in an unproven and dangerous scheme while placing at risk the well-being of our nation in a time of national crisis.

In addition, this Defense Appropriations bill will cut critically needed funding from the Department of Labor's employment and training administration to provide additional funding relief to assist New York's efforts to recover from the September 11th terrorist attack. While there should be no doubting my commitment to the people of New York and their efforts to recover and rebuild after the terrorist attacks, I am concerned that the funding they need may come at the expense of other programs and initiatives deserved of funding.

Specifically, funding in this bill in the employment and training administration was to be used for the New National Emergency Grant program, which would allocate emergency funding to the states to provide health insurance, income support, and job search assistance and training for displaced workers following the September 11th attack. This includes a \$24 million grant for the State of Minnesota to provide assistance to displaced airline employees who have lost their jobs when the government suspended domestic and international air travel. These layoffs have had a devastating impact on these individuals and their families and to Minnesota's economy as a whole. With the huge influx of current layoffs, the state cannot meet the needs of these laid off workers without this emergency grant.

While this is not a perfect bill, with our nation at war, it is a necessary bill. It is imperative that our nation continues to maintain a strong national defense, especially during this time of domestic and international crisis. However, in the weeks and months ahead we must also pledge our commitment to work as a unified Congress to provide increases in additional security, bioterrorism preparedness, and employee assistance measures. Furthermore, we must work to help New York recover and rebuild from the devastating attack of September 11th, as well as stimulating our economy and strengthening our nation's infrastructure and safety measures.

CONGRATULATING CLEARFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA EMS

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding achievements of the Clearfield, Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Company. On August 10, 2001, the Pennsylvania Emergency Health

Services Council chose Clearfield EMS from among 1,000 ambulance service companies statewide to receive the Rural Ambulance Service of the Year Award.

Clearfield EMS garnered such an award not only through exemplary ambulance service, but also through their involvement in the community. Free flu shots and participation at county fairs and festivals are just a couple of the many ways that Clearfield EMS has taken the lead in community education and involvement.

In light of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the role of the EMS workers, firefighters, and police officers of Central Pennsylvania is greater than ever. Clearfield EMS and their EMS counterparts throughout the area are among the first to respond to emergencies, and for this important service to our communities, I am grateful. These individuals deserve all of our thanks for dedicating their lives to helping others.

Finally, I would like to recognize the following employees of Clearfield EMS by name: Paramedics: Scott Briggs, Timothy Lumadue, Christopher Miller, Scott Minich, Robert Mitchell, Michael Mowrey, Lewis Huff, Patrick Cooley

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT): Vicky DeHaven, George DeHaven, Traci Pentz, Melissa Miller, Lorie Bell, Stacy Huff, Frank Warholc, David McAllister, Brian Kellogg, Frank DeHaven, Carol DeSantis, Erin DeSantis

Administrative Staff: Terry Wigfield, Manager; Chad Abrams, Assistant Manager; Pamela Charles, Office Manager; Dr. James DeSantis, Medical Director

Board of Directors: Gary C. Wigfield, President; Gary L. Shugarts, Treasurer; Pamela Spencer, Secretary; Delford Wigfield, Mathew Franson, Thomas Glace

I congratulate Clearfield EMS on their exceptional accomplishments and their determination to improve their already stellar service. Clearfield EMS should serve as an example in excellence for other ambulance services nationwide.

A BILL TO PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES TO BUSINESSES LOCATED IN LOWER MANHATTAN, THE LIBERTY ZONE AND HELP REBUILD THE ECONOMY AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACK

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand with several of my New York colleagues in introducing a bill, which will provide much-needed tax incentives for businesses to rebuild in lower Manhattan—this all after the massive destruction caused by the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. None of us will forget the terrible losses of that day—loss of life and the most tragic being the heartache to so many families.

The World Trade Center towers were destroyed. Other buildings were damaged or collapsed. The price tag to rebuild is staggering. But rebuilding the infrastructure and economy must start. This package is only part of the solution, but it is an important first step.

As New York Governor George Pataki said today, "The \$6.1 billion package will offer incentives for businesses to generate jobs, spur innovation and investment in the Liberty Zone, helping us renew, restore and rebuild lower Manhattan".

The bill includes five provisions which would: (1) authorize New York State to issue up to \$15 billion in tax-exempt private activity bonds over the next 3 years to help renovate and rebuild commercial property, residential rental property and private utility infrastructure, (2) allow taxpayers to claim an additional 30 percent, first-year depreciation deduction for property located in the Liberty Zone, including buildings and building improvements, (3) provide a 5-year life for depreciating certain leasehold improvements, (4) increase by \$35,000 to \$59,000 the amount that can be expensed by small businesses under section 179, and (5) increase the replacement period from 2 to 5 years for property that was involuntarily converted in lower Manhattan so that taxpayers would not have to recognize gain.

I want to thank Chairman THOMAS and my colleagues for their help in working through this package. I urge your support.

MARKING THE PASSING OF MARY KAY ASH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the life and legacy of Mary Kay Ash. For more than four decades, Ms. Kay has been one of Texas' most outstanding citizens and a business pioneer. Cosmetics sales were just a small part of the legacy she left for America. Her business made women feel better about themselves, regarding both their appearance and the possibility for success in business.

Ms. Kay changed the way women in business were perceived. She pioneered direct marketing in a way that has been emulated for years. She tapped talent that may have otherwise gone unused. All over America, women are more empowered because of the life of Mary Kay Ash.

Mary Kay Ash founded the cosmetic company that bears her name in 1963 with \$5,000 in savings, using a hide tanner's cream as her principle product. Since then, the color pink has been synonymous with quality cosmetic products and aggressive salespersonship. She was a phenomenal entrepreneur and, more importantly, an incredible motivator. One hundred fifty one women, so far, have recorded more than \$1 million in Mary Kay sales.

Last year, Mary Kay, Inc. had revenue of \$1.3 billion. Today, there are about 800,000 women and men who make up the Mary Kay global sales force. It is an extraordinary legacy for a phenomenal lady who grew up in a poor Houston neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Kay Ash was one of Dallas-Fort Worth's most dynamic icons. She died on November 22, 2001. I ask that the thoughts and prayers of the Thirtieth Congressional District, and the nation, be with her family and friends.